



# THE TRIDUUM

GOOD FRIDAY

18 April 2025

The Triduum—the Great Three Days—continues on this holy night. The three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil while held across three successive days, are one holy liturgy. Over the course of these three days we experience with all our senses the outpouring of God’s love for us: outpoured like water over dirty feet with an invitation to servant-like love; outpoured like panting breaths that breathe abundant life into the world; outpoured like staple food and festive drink sharing in the Risen Body of Christ and sharing with the world.

English-speaking Christians call this day Good. It is a day, not of unmitigated mourning, as if Jesus were dead dead dead, but of profound contemplation of the mystery that, from the cross of death, God grants the world new life. The waters of baptism flow from the cross, and our gathering is contained in Christ’s crown of thorns. Held together in the passion of Christ, we hold out our hands in prayer for all the world. Since the service is a continuation of yesterday’s Maundy Thursday worship, it commences simply and silently.

On Thursday we dispersed in silence—no sending song, no blessing or dismissal, only the rustle of jackets, the sound of feet, freshly washed and covered again, moving into the night. Now, as if awaiting our return, the silence receives us and invites us more deeply into the empty room, the unfolding story, the widening hour, the mystery of faith.

With boldness we approach the Throne of Grace, the Cross upon which Christ is lifted, to pray not only for the church and those preparing for baptism, but also for those of other faiths, those who do not believe in God, and everyone, everywhere, in any kind of need. As he promised, Jesus draws them—all people, named and unnamed, all things, seen and unseen—to himself and to the heart of God. There we rest, like grains of wheat buried in the earth awaiting the joyful harvest.

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We gather in silence. Please stand as you are able when the ministers enter.

**PSALM: Psalm 22** (Sung in unison by the assembly.)



- <sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for-<sup>1</sup> saken me?  
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words<sup>1</sup> of my groaning?
- <sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you<sup>1</sup> do not answer;  
by night, but I<sup>1</sup> find no rest.
- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the<sup>1</sup> Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais-<sup>1</sup> es of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>Our ancestors put their<sup>1</sup> trust in you,  
they trusted, and you<sup>1</sup> rescued them.
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and<sup>1</sup> were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not<sup>1</sup> put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>But as for me, I am a worm<sup>1</sup> and not human,  
scorned by all and despised<sup>1</sup> by the people.
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh<sup>1</sup> me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they<sup>1</sup> shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>“Trust in the LORD; let the<sup>1</sup> LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so de-<sup>1</sup> lights in him.”
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth<sup>1</sup> from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my<sup>1</sup> mother’s breast.
- <sup>10</sup>I have been entrusted to you ever since<sup>1</sup> I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my<sup>1</sup> mother’s womb.
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou-<sup>1</sup> ble is near,  
and there is no<sup>1</sup> one to help.

<sup>12</sup>Many young bulls en- | circle me;  
 strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.

<sup>13</sup>They open wide their | jaws at me,  
 like a slashing and | roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;  
 my heart within my breast is | melting wax.

<sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;  
 and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

<sup>16</sup>Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;  
 they pierce my hands | and my feet.

<sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones  
 while they stare at | me and gloat.

<sup>18</sup>They divide my gar- | ments among them;  
 for my clothing, | they cast lots.

<sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not | far away;  
 O my help, hasten | to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>Deliver me | from the sword,  
 my life from the power | of the dog.

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the | lion's mouth!  
 From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>I will declare your name | to my people;  
 in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.  
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
 neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;  
 but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.  
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
 all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
 who rules o- | ver the nations.

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
 all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
 whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
 saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## HOMILY

Pastor Jay

*Please stand with the ministers.*

## THE PASSION according to JOHN 18:1-19:42

The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John:

*You may be seated.*

## JOHN 18:1-11

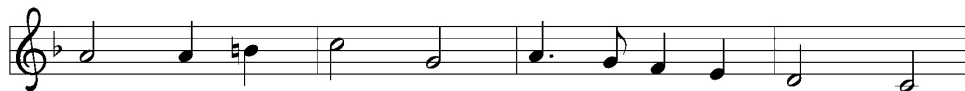
## RESPONSE

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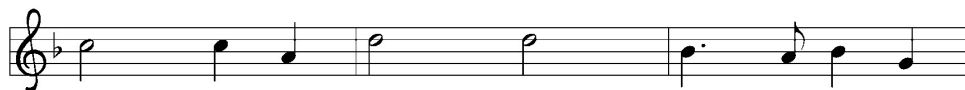
### There in God's Garden



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drills of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982  
Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950  
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JOHN 18:12-27

RESPONSE

ELW 324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872  
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

JOHN 18:28-38a

RESPONSE

ELW 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927



## JOHN 19:16b-24

*Please stand as you are able.*

### RESPONSE

LBW 110

### At the Cross, Her Station Keeping



1 At the cross, her sta - tion keep - ing, stood the mourn - ful  
2 Oh, how sad and sore dis - tress - ed was that moth - er  
3 Who, on Christ's dear moth - er gaz - ing, pierced by an - guish  
5 Je - sus, may her deep de - vo - tion stir in me the



moth - er weep - ing, close to Je - sus to the last.  
high - ly bless - ed of the sole be - got - ten one!  
so a - maz - ing, born of wom - an, would not weep?  
same e - mo - tion, source of love, re - deem - er true.



Through her heart, his sor - row shar - ing, all his bit - ter  
Oh, the depth of her af - flic - tion as she saw the  
Who, on Christ's dear moth - er think - ing, such a cup of  
Let me thus, fresh ar - dor gain - ing and a pur - er



an - guish bear - ing, now at length the sword had passed.  
cru - ci - fix - ion of her dy - ing, glo - rious Son!  
sor - row drink - ing, would not share her sor - rows deep?  
love at - tain - ing, con - se - crate my life to you.

Text: 13th cent.; tr. composite, alt.  
Music: STABAT MATER, Gesangbuch, Mainz, 1661

## JOHN 19:25-30

### TOLLING OF THE BELLS

*The bells are tolled 33 times. While we do not know the exact age of Jesus when he died, this tradition follows the tolling of bells when a member of the community has died, once for each year of their life. During the tolling, the sixth candle is extinguished.*

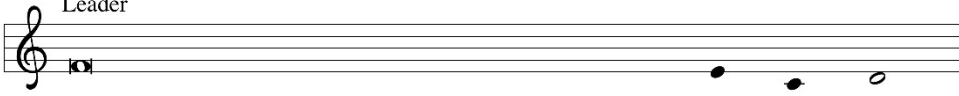
*You may be seated.*

## JOHN 19:31-37

### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

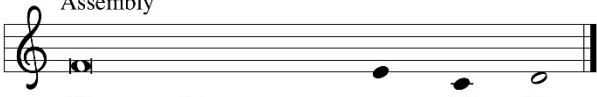
*Please stand and face the pastor at the crossing. Three times, the assembly is invited to greet the cross:*

Leader



Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

Assembly



Oh, come, let us wor - ship him.

### PROCLAMATION OF THE GLORY OF THE CROSS

This cross is the tree in which I take delight.

**I take root in its roots;  
I am extended in its branches.  
In my tent I am shaded by its shade;  
its flowers are my flowers;  
I am wholly delighted by its fruits.**

This cross is my nourishment when I am hungry,

**my fountain when I am thirsty,  
my covering when I am stripped.  
For my leaves are no longer fig leaves,  
but the breath of life.**

This cross is the ladder of Jacob,

**the way of blessed angels.**

This cross is my tree,

**wide as the firmament,  
extending from earth to the heavens.  
This cross is the Tree of Life.**

### THE BIDDING PRAYER

*The congregation may sit or kneel. One of the most ancient practices of Good Friday, the congregation and ministers join together in the Bidding Prayer before the Throne of God—the cross. Here, we beseech God on behalf of a weary and wounded world. The congregation is bid to pray and in the silence joins their hearts to the prayer. After each silence, the Presiding Minister offers a collect and the assembly adds their assent with, “Amen.”*

... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

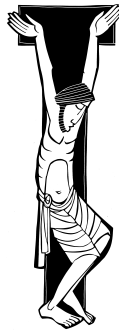


Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### ADORATION OF THE CROSS

*During the singing, you may approach the cross for veneration or may stay in your seat for prayer. Adoration may take any form you are comfortable with: from a simple bow before the cross to touching or other signs of reverence. From the Christ Candle, you may light candles which are around the cross. As we light candles, with thanksgiving and supplication, we remember Jesus' invitation to remain with him in the garden, and in our own way we remain with him at the foot of the cross even when others have fled. The light grows around the cross reminding us that in the darkest moments, God is still at work in the world and shines the light of the resurrection; even here in the night of death. As you place your candles in the sand, please begin at the center and work outward to allow others to place their candles safely.*



### HYMN

LBW 112

### Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes



1 Je - sus, in thy dy - ing woes, e - ven while thy life - blood flows,  
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue when our sins thy pangs re - new,  
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, be like thee in heart and deed,



crav - ing par - don for thy foes:  
for we know not what we do: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
when with wrong our spir - its bleed:

## Glory Be to Jesus



- 1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
 blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
 which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
 but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
 wafts its praise on high,  
 angel hosts rejoicing  
 make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,  
 swell the mighty flood;  
 louder still and louder  
 praise the precious blood.

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
 Music: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN, Friedrich Filitz, 1804–1876

## Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless



Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,



pa - tient, low - ly, guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring:



from sin's grasp you have torn us, from gloom to hope have borne us.



- 1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.  
 2 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus.  
 3 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite  
 Music: O LAMM GOTTES, UNSCHULDIG, Nikolaus Decius  
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## Were You There



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



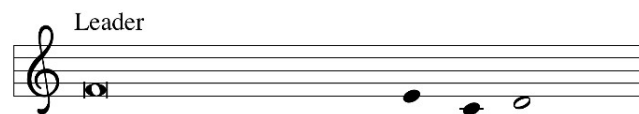
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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

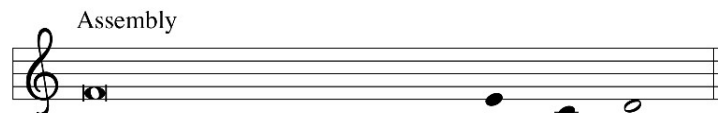
*Once all who so desire have had the opportunity to venerate the cross and light candles, and the music has ceased, the assembly stands with the ministers for the reading of the conclusion on The Passion. The Christ Candle is removed to the columbarium, as we hear of the burial of Jesus in the borrowed tomb.*

**JOHN 19:38-42****STREPITUS**

*A piece of the Tenebrae liturgy, the "great sound" here reminds us of the rolling of the stone before the opening of Jesus' tomb. We, with the women, leave Jesus here.*

**ACCLAMATION**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.



**By your holy cross you have re-deemed the world.**

# Holy God, Holy and Glorious



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,  
 2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,  
 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,  
 4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,  
 5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us  
 pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;  
 beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;  
 wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:  
 life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
 emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.  
 scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
 God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
 dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952  
 Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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AFTER THE MINISTERS HAVE DEPARTED,  
YOU MAY REMAIN FOR PRAYER OR DEPART IN SILENCE.  
OUR CELEBRATION OF THE GREAT THREE DAYS  
CONCLUDES TOMORROW EVENING @ 7PM  
BEGINNING IN THE COURTYARD.

LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

LITURGIST  
MUSICIAN  
ASSISTANT  
READERS OF THE PASSION

Pastor Jay Mitchell  
Cantor Bryan Timm  
Kate Martin  
Stanley Rose  
Christy Adams  
Linda Graffius  
Linda Melaragno  
Brian Moran  
Karen Lundwall  
Jane Moran

(THE REMAINDER OF)  
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER @ LUTHER

† THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER VIGIL

April 19: The First Eucharist of Resurrection  
*with Recitation of Salvation History*  
7:00pm in the Courtyard (to start)  
*use either door adjacent to the parking lot to enter*

† THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

April 20: Festival Eucharist  
*with Thanksgiving for Baptism*  
8:15am and 10:30am in the Sanctuary